(b) Yes, Sir. Till Sept., 1996 Rs. 890.66 crores has been disbursed.

(c) and (d). As per Statement enclosed.

(e) As on date 14 applications for modernisation loans and 34 applications for cane development loans are pending due to non completion of the required formalities by the sugar Mills.

STATEMENT

Number of Sugar Factories and Loan advanced from the Fund during 1994-95 and 1995-96, State-wise

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No	State	1994-95		1995-96	
		No. of Factories	Amount	No. of Factories	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	63.77	1	45.36
2.	Bihar	1	387.00	3	543.60
3.	Gujarat	-	-	1	305.88
4.	Goa	-	-	1	23.72
5.	Haryana	-	-	2	125.73
6.	Karnataka	-	-	1	455.00
7.	Maharashtra	13	2319.39	7	1120.266
8.	Orissa	2	463.64	-	-
9.	Punjab	1	96.36	1	43.47
10.	Tamil Nadu	5	1007.56	1	25.96
11.	Uttar Pradesh	6	2015.01	8	2817.13
	Total	30	6352.73	26	5506.116

[English]

Consumer Welfare Fund

691. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up a Consumer Welfare Fund for the assistance of the voluntary organisations undertaking awareness generation, services and training programme for the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the types of consumer protection organisation assisted under the Consumer Welfare Fund and the manner of providing help to them;

(d) the details of financial assistance provided to the consumer protection organisation in Rajasthan during the last three years so far along with the names of such organisation;

(e) whether the proposals for grants to the organisations working in the field of consumer protection in the State are lying pending for clearance;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the time by which the same are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Consumer Welfare Fund (CWF) has been set up under the amended provisions of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 (1 of 1944) in 1992 with the overall objective to provide financial assistance to promote and protect the welfare of the consumers and to strengthen the voluntary consumer movement in the country particularly in the rural areas.

(c) Any agency/organisation, Village/Mandal/ Samities level cooperatives of consumers specially of women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, engaged in the consumer welfare activities for a period of three years and registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) or under any law for the time being in force are eligible to seek financial assistance from the Consumer Welfare Fund. Besides, any industry as defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (14 of 1947) which has been engaged in viable and useful research activities for a period of five years which has made or is likely to make significant contribution in formation of standard mark of the products of mass consumption; State Governments etc., as provided in the rules, are also eligible to seek the grant from CWF.

(d) A statement containing the names of such organizations is enclosed.

(e) and (f). Six proposals received from Rajasthan are in process of examination.

(g) In view of large number of projects received from various states/UTs for financial assistance under CWF, it is difficult to specify the exact time limit by which these proposals will be cleared. The clearance of such proposals is an ongoing process as the applications are examined in accordance with the guidelines framed under CWF Rules.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the Organisation	Sanctioned Amt. in Rs	Date of Sanction	Purpose of grant
1.	Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal Anandpura. Topdara. Ajmer-305001	68400.00	08.11.94	For organising workshops. camps. puppet shows and precaring publicity material
2.	Prachin Kathputli Kala Sansthan. B-55, Indrapuri Lalkothi. Yojana, Jaipur	67050.00	08.11.94	For organising 120 puppet shows
3.	Consumer Unity and Trust Society Jaipur	436500.00	08.11.94	For publishing consumer guides. training mannual. studies/reports etc
4.	Ajmer Zila Gramin Upbhokta Samity, Masuda. Ajmer.	155250.00	31.05.95	For conducting consumer awareness camps and printing of literature
5.	Gandhi Nav Yuvak Mandal, Baman Baroda, Ganganagar City. Distt. Sewai Madhopur.	27000.00	17.11.95	For conducting consumer awareness camps
6.	Rajasthan Mahila Prishikshan, Udhyam & Vikas Sansthan, Jaipur.	18000.00	17.11.95	For conducting consumer awareness camps
7.	Maruti Seva Samiti Upbhokta Manch, 57, Loha Bazar. Udaipur.	45000.00	30.09.96	For organising competitions. training and cultural programmes etc.
8.	Banswara Sahkari Upbhokta Lok Bhandar Ltd.. Banswara Distt.	67500.00	30.09.96	For preparing audio visual anc printing material and for conducting awareness camps
9.	Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS). Jaipur	498600.00	30.09.96	For research documentation anc consultation on UN guidelines.

Supply of Foodgrains to Karnataka

692. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the average monthly requirement of wheat and other foodgrains under the Public Distribution System in Karnataka;

(b) the average quantity of wheat and other foodgrains at present being sanctioned against the requirement thereof under PDS;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought enhancement of quota under PDS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the quota?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) (a) and (b). The monthly average allotment and offtake of wheat and other foodgrains under PDS/RPDS in Karnataka in the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 was as under :

(In '000 tonnes

	Year	Allotment average per month	Offtake average per month
Wheat	1995-96	30.00	18.29
	1996-97	29.55	21.75*
Rice	1995-96	120.26	78.58
	1996-97	120.70	85.47*

*Upto September, 1996